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SUBJ: PORTUGUESE ELIGIBILITY FOR GSP

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1. AMBASSADOR JOAO PEQUITO, DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR ECONOMIC AFFAIRS, MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, HAS AGAIN RAISED QUESTION OF PORTUGUESE ELIGIBILITY FOR GSP. HE STATED THAT MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE AND TOURISM SHOULD COMPLETE ITS REVIEW OF POTENTIAL BENEFITS AND DRAWBACKS OF GSP FOR PORTUGAL. IF STUDY RECOMMENDS PORTUGAL'S PARTICIPATION IN GSP, FOREIGN MINISTRY WILL PRESS FOR PROMPT IMPLEMENTATION OF MEASURES NECESSARY TO ESTABLISH PORTUGAL'S ELIGIBILITY. IF STUDY RECOMMENDS AGAINST PORTUGAL'S PARTICIPATION, AMBASSADOR PEQUITO STATED THAT HE WOULD ATTEMPT TO REVERSE TRADE MINISTRY'S RECOMMENDATION.

2. IN LATTER CASE, ONE QUESTION WOULD CRITICALLY AFFECT  
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ULTIMATE GOP DECISION. NAMELY, IF PORTUGAL ENTERS GSP

SYSTEM, COULD GOP TERMINATE ITS PARTICIPATION UNILATERALLY WITHOUT ADVANCE NOTICE? GOP APPARENTLY CONCERNED THAT A SITUATION MIGHT ARISE IN WHICH IT WOULD HAVE TO TERMINATE PARTICIPATION BECAUSE OF: (1) DEVELOPMENTS IN ITS TRADE NEGOTIATIONS WITH EUROPEAN COMMUNITY, OR (2) GOP INABILITY TO HONOR USG DEMANDS AT SOME FUTURE TIME FOR EQUALIZATION OF TARIFF RATES ON ADDITIONAL ITEMS. SINCE CONDITIONS FOR TERMINATION OF AGREEMENT HAVE NOT BEEN MENTIONED PREVIOUSLY, AMBASSADOR PEQUITO HAS TENTATIVELY CONCLUDED THAT PORTUGAL WOULD HAVE UNILATERAL RIGHT TO TERMINATE ITS PARTICIPATION IN GSP WITH VERY LITTLE OR NO ADVANCE NOTIFICATION.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: EMBASSY REQUESTS DEPARTMENT'S COMMENTS ON AMBASSADOR PEQUITO'S INTERPRETATION TO EFFECT THAT PORTUGAL WOULD HAVE UNILATERAL RIGHT TO TERMINATE AT ANY TIME ITS PARTICIPATION IN GSP. IF ADVANCE NOTICE OF TERMINATION IS REQUIRED, WOULD APPRECIATE KNOWING LENGTH OF THAT PERIOD.  
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